

Minutes of Study Session-Special Meeting

The Board of Education Mahtomedi Public Schools

A **Study Session- Special Meeting** of the Board of Education of Mahtomedi Public Schools was held **Thursday, February 22, 2018**, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Mahtomedi District Education Center - Community Room.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Judy Schwartz.

2. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

Present: Mike Chevalier; Kevin Donovan; Julie McGraw; Lucy Payne (arrived at 7:23 p.m.); Judy Schwartz; Stacey Stout and Superintendent Mark Larson, ex officio.

Also present: Nicole Flesner, Human Resources Supervisor; Bill Menozzi, Director of Business Services; Kathe Nickleby, Mahtomedi High School Principal; Kelly Smith, Springsted-Waters Executive Search Firm; Jodie Tester, Mahtomedi High School PBIS and Behavior Specialist/Teacher; Lynne Viker, Director of Learning and Accountability.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

McGraw moved to amend the agenda by adding Item 4.D. Superintendent Search Update. Donovan seconded. Carried 5-0. Chevalier moved, Donovan seconded, approval of the agenda. Carried 5-0.

4. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Mahtomedi High School Wellness

Kathe Nickleby, Mahtomedi High School Principal, and Jodie Tester, Mahtomedi High School Positive Behavior Intervention & Support (PBIS) and Behavior Specialist/Teacher, presented on Mahtomedi High School wellness and social emotional learning which included current issues such social media and technology, truancy, chemical abuse and mental health. Principal Nickleby explained the Tier I universal interventions for all students, the Tier II pre-interventions, the Tier III individualized interventions and the number of out of district placements. Tester explained the in-school interventions strategies class where students can come for support with academics, anxiety, stress, depression and discipline issues, along with in-school suspension and restorative justice strategies. Programs such as Lunch and

Learn, Zephyr Crew/Link (students mentoring incoming freshman) and co-located programs with outside agencies: Canvas Health, Family Means, Hazelden Betty Ford, Youth Services and N.E. Metro 916 consultations are all helping improve students' emotional health. A district-wide team of school counselors, psychologists, a behavior specialist and administration are working to implement the social emotional learning standards and strengthen support systems.

B. Enrollment Analysis/Update

Bill Menozzi, Director of Business Services, updated school board members on the current enrollment analysis which included approval of 124 open enrollment students in Window #1 of which 93 students had accepted by the February 15 deadline.

Menozzi recommended using the superintendent's authority to approve an additional 31 students across grades 1 – 10 to reach the total of 124 students.

Chevalier moved to approve a resolution to allow an additional 31 students in any grade. Schwartz seconded. Failed 3-3.

Donovan moved to amend the motion to approve 31 additional students: first grade-5 students, second grade-2 students, third grade-4 students, fourth grade-6 students, fifth grade-4 students, sixth grade-2 students, seventh grade-1 student, ninth grade-2 students and tenth grade-5 students. Failed 3-3.

Chevalier moved to approve 18 kindergarten students with sibling or employee preference. No second. Motion failed.

The administration will approve 14 additional applications under the Open Enrollment (Window #1) Resolution: first grade-2 students, second grade-2 students, fourth grade-3 students, fifth grade-1 student, sixth grade-2 students, seventh grade-1 student, ninth grade-2 students, and tenth grade-1 student.

Open Enrollment (Window #2) will be reviewed at the March 8 School Board Meeting.

C. November 2018 Levy

Bill Menozzi, Director of Business Services, presented on the planning for a 2018 levy which included: a levy timeline, levy background/historical information, area school districts levy comparison, Policy 714 - Fund Balance, budget parameters, draft dollar amounts, tax impact scenarios and challenges. Menozzi stated based on the Mahtomedi Schools tradition of academic excellence and financial stewardship, the district is providing the community and our students with a great education at a great value. Further discussion on the proposed levy will take place at the March 22 Finance Committee Meeting and School Board Study Session.

D. Superintendent Search Update

The Superintendent Search Committee members Kevin Donovan, Julie McGraw and Lucy Payne gave an update on the superintendent search which included interviewing three search firms and selecting the Springsted-Waters Executive

Search Firm. The search firm will interview board members, hold future focus group meetings and conduct a survey to provide input regarding the qualities that are important for a new superintendent. The survey will be on the school district's website. Communication to the staff, students and community will be through school E-News, district-wide email messages and published in the White Bear Press. Kelly Smith, Springsted-Waters, reviewed a draft survey with school board members for any needed changes or additional questions. Lucy Payne was selected as the school board point person for communication with Springsted-Waters. The search firm's next steps include developing a timeline and posting the superintendent position. Two community input forums will be held on March 6 in the Mahtomedi District Education Center Community Room and on March 8 in the Mahtomedi Middle School Media Center.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Chevalier moved, Donovan seconded, adjournment. Carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

JULIE MCGRAW CLERK